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### NAZIS MOVE ANTI-AMERICAN SPY AND PROPAGANDA HEADQUARTERS TO MEXICO

#### Support to General Almazan Included in Program

The Nazis, finding things a bit too hot in the United States, have started moving their headquarters to Mexico for work in the Americas. As if following by blueprint the precedent established in the First World War, the Nazis are preparing for any eventualities of the Second War by setting up a Mexican machine for the conduct of the Third Reich's propaganda and espionage program in this hemisphere.

Through sources consistently reliable to date, The Hour is informed of the following facts:

1) The Deutsches Haus in Hermosillo, Sonora, has been selected for the supervision of work in the North. The work includes getting in armaments, bought with Nazi funds, for the purpose of aiding the fascist leader Almazan to **fight** against Cardenas. One of the chief reasons for choosing the state of Sonora for this work is its Governor, whose Nazi and Almazanist sympathies are openly declared.

2) General Almazan, working hand in glove with Paul Dietrich and other Nazi chiefs in Mexico, is conducting his anti-Cardenas campaign from Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. He has established a series of channels across the American border which end ultimately in San Francisco with Captain Fritz Wiedemann, Nazi consul-general. One of the key trans-border bases is being set up in San Antonio, Texas.

3) Wiedemann is actively working with Mexican fascist exiles to cement all ties to Almazan. A network of spy activity is being built around these exiles living in the United States.

4) Nazi ships, anchoring in Mexican ports, are playing an important role (See *Bremen* item, Page 3 of this issue of The Hour). The staffs of the boats have been enlisted in the spy and propaganda



work. Already there are some fifteen boats hovering off Mexican shores, among them: five at Tampico, four at Veracruz (including the liner Columbus), three at Acapulco. More are expected.

5) Almazan is receiving money from the Third Reich in handsome sums. Berlin is encouraging him to swing into action as soon as possible.

6) The Nazi Mexican chiefs say their operations are directed as much toward the United States as toward the southern countries.

We pose one question: If the Nazis have already established bases across the Mexican border for spy and propaganda work in the United States (as in the San Antonio case), what action is our Federal government contemplating?

Note: Future issues of The Hour will include more data on this subject.

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#### POLISH COAL IN GOERING'S FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Long before beginning its present drive into Poland, the Nazi war and economic machine included the output of certain Polish industries (within Teschen and Polish Upper Silesia) into the calculations of Goering's Four-Year Plan. Coal figured most prominently in Goering's Plan.

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#### What We Said About Poland

On May 5 we released to the U. S. press a special analysis of Polish defenses in the path of possible Nazi invasion. We stated: "The Nazis would seize the Polish Corridor not because they have any rights there but because ... the Polish Corridor is without adequate defenses. ... The German attack upon Warsaw is expected in a great drive from East Prussia." In The Hour for June 15, Page 7, we called attention to the Reich's new railroad timetable which for the first time showed Danzig within German territory. We wrote: "The new schedule is to be in effect until October 1. So we may yet expect Danzig's capture during the summer."

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#### CZECHS IN LONDON: COMING EVENT

Our informant in London sends word: Watch for significant developments in connection with the Czechoslovak problem in about ten days.

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## ANTI-WAR LEAFLETS SPREAD BY GERMANS

## Feeling Against Hitler Grows

Through its confidential sources abroad, The Hour is able to present the following reliable news-items:

An anti-Hitlerite leaflet, signed "Revolutionary Opposition of Berlin Storm Troopers," has appeared among the brown-shirts of the Nazi capital. The text recalls the blood-bath of June 30, 1934, as Hitler's betrayal of Storm Troopers. It goes on to say: "The non-aggression pact with Moscow shows to the simple Storm Trooper that Hitler's entire policy is built on lies and deceptions. With lies did he incite us against our brothers. And now, with lies, he plunges us into a war." The leaflet closes with an appeal no longer to believe Hitler.

Anti-war demonstrations have been reported from Essen and Wuppertal (Barmen-Elberfeld).

Throughout Austria anti-Hitler and anti-war leaflets have been distributed in considerable quantities. The most popular of them, signed "Anti-Fascist Workers and Farmers of Austria," calls Hitler the sole provoker of the war and asks Austrians to hinder his plans. It envisages the freeing of Austria from the Nazi yoke, and concludes that the Poles, British and French are not the enemies of the German people: "Together with our so-called 'enemies,' as their friends and brothers, we will annihilate fascism in Europe."

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## AMERICAN DRINK AS SUBSTITUTE FOR GERMANS' COFFEE

In the recent issues of Illustrierter Beobachter (Munich) reaching our New York office we find advertisements of the American drink Coca-Cola, with this significant addition to the tempting text: "Koffein-haltig." This word, an equivalent of which (to the best of our knowledge) is absent from similar advertisements of the drink in the United States, means: "Containing Caffein." Caffein, as our readers surely know, is a stimulant alkaloid found in coffee and tea. The advertisement is thus one more eloquent proof of the sharp shortage of coffee in the Nazi Reich.

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## IRON FROM COMFORT STATIONS TAKEN FOR GUNS

A friend of The Hour, returning from Europe with one of the latest shiploads of refugees, brings the news that in Vienna the iron comfort stations (which, by the way, are a common sight on the streets of European cities) have been replaced by wooden ones -- so short of metals are the resource-poor war-waging Nazis.

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DANZIG NAZIS AND FATHER COUGHLIN USE SAME ARGUMENT  
AGAINST PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

A photograph, showing an Illinois highway marked "Roosevelt Road" and "Danger -- Travel at Own Risk," is used in the issue of the Danzig Nazi newspaper Danziger Vorposten for August 16, which has just reached our office. The Nazi editor prints the photograph as an excuse for an attack on the President of the United States, saying that the sign of danger on Roosevelt Road has "a certain gift of prophecy."

The very same photograph appears on the front page of Father Coughlin's Social Justice of August 14. The radio priest explains it as "this 'state-of-the-nation' picture," and adds his own comment: "There's Been a 7-Year Washout!"

Questions arise: Did Father Coughlin send an advance copy of his magazine to his friends in Danzig by air-mail? Or did the master-mind of propaganda in Berlin suggest this use of the photograph to his customers in Detroit and Danzig in the same general circular?

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## NAZIS BLAME ROOSEVELT FOR WAR

In the midst of their provocations and preparations for war the Nazis were blaming for the massacre everyone else but themselves. Shifting the blame even on President Roosevelt in the far-off Washington, Neues Wiener Tagblatt for August 18 with great satisfaction ran a headline "New Complaints Against Roosevelt -- 'the President Wants War.'" Beneath the headline, the Nazis with much tenderness quoted Senator Nye's remarks directed against President Roosevelt's stand on neutrality legislation.

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## THE BREMEN AS GESTAPO HEADQUARTERS

The meticulous search, which was carried on by the U. S. government aboard the Bremen while the Nazi ship stayed in the harbor of New York, was in response to a tip, The Hour learns. The tip had it that the ship would be taken by the Nazis to South America for refitting. One Nazi purpose, as already known, would have been to make the North German Lloyd liner a privateer. Another purpose, about which a stony silence has been kept, was to use the ship as the Gestapo headquarters for North America as long as the war lasted, and as a relay station for code broadcasts from this hemisphere to the Reich.

Considerable credence was given to this theory by the U. S. government because of past experiences with the Nazi ship lines. Both Captain Adolf Ahrens of the Bremen and Captain William Drechsel, marine superintendent of the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American Line, were objects of extensive inquiries and questioning during the Nazi spy investigation of last year.

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## BOSTON'S "ARTILLERY COMPANY" WANTED TO PATRONIZE NAZI SHIP

BOSTON, September 8 (Special to The Hour) -- Before war in Europe played havoc with German shipping, one of the oldest patriotic societies in America had arranged to hire for its annual outing a Nazi liner in preference to a British boat, although a considerable saving was offered by the latter. The organization, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, was founded in 1638 and claims as honorary members such personages as Governors Saltonstall of Massachusetts and Murphy of New Hampshire, King George VI of England, and the Duke of Windsor. Today, the Artillery Company is military in name only; actually, the principal function for its approximately 650 members appears to be social, with emphasis on tradition and pomp. Its annual outing is usually a very gay affair.

The Nazi liner St. Louis, of the Hamburg-American Line, was the ship selected by the Artillery Company's committee in charge of this year's excursion (the very ship, incidentally, which a few months ago carried despairing German-Jewish refugees back and forth across the Atlantic). When the committee was reproached for selecting a swastika-beflagged boat, the excuse given was that all other steamship lines had been contacted but that no other accommodations were available.

The Hour, however, learns that the Furness Line offered the outing committee its Monarch of Bermuda for a minimum of \$65 per person, whereas the Nazi firm demanded a minimum of \$80. The Furness Line furthermore offered the Artillery Company one of the finest hotels in Bermuda for overnight stay for those not wishing to remain on the boat.

A number of Boston people feel that the committee deserves strong censure for its decision to patronize the Nazis which, but for the latest turn of events, would have been carried out. At its recent convention, the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor condemned the Ancient and Honorable Artillery for its unexplained action.

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## SUBSTITUTE FOR KUHN'S BUND BEING PREPARED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, September 7 (Special to The Hour) -- Because of the war situation, also due to the unfavorable publicity received lately by Kuhn and his Bund, the Nazis are now trying to rally their forces in Chicago. This city is viewed as more of an American center than New York, and the new Nazi headquarters may be established here. It is recalled that Fritz Gissibl first organized his "Friends of New Germany" (predecessor of the Bund) in Chicago, whence its activities spread all over the United States.

The new spearhead of the Nazis is the German-American National Alliance of Chicago. This organization claims to be non-political and for the "protection" of Germans in the United States. It is supposed to unite all the Germans in America who would not adhere to the discredited Bund. Its Chicago leader is Dr. Homer Maerz who hopes one day to fill Kuhn's shoes and mend the fences destroyed by the present fuehrer's bull-in-the-china-shop tactics.

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WE PRESENT ROLL-CALL OF DETROIT'S NAZI-FASCISM  
The German-American Bund -- Spider in the Center of the Web

DETROIT, September 8 (Special to The Hour) -- By this time your correspondent has been able to discover evidences of the following Nazi and fascist organizations which, by distributing their literature and carrying on various other activities, make Detroit the capital of U. S. Hitlerites:

The German-American Volksbund, War Veterans' German-American Bund, Der Stahlhelm, Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung, German-American Central Organization of Michigan, Industrial Legion of America, Committee of 1,000,000, Federation of Americanization of Michigan, National Workers' League, Mantle Club, Legion of the Blue Cross, Young Americans, Anglo-Saxon Federation, Invisible Eye of Labor, Sons of the South, Black Legion Ku Klux Klan, American Workers' League, Novelty Club, Bullett Club, Irish-American Club, League of American Workers, Knights of Dearborn, Industrial Workers' League, and the Christocrats.

Among Detroit's large industrial plants which, according to The Hour's information, have been penetrated by Nazis and fascists are: Ford Motor, Plymouth, U. S. Rubber, Hudson Motor, Packard, Motor Products, Murray Body, and Chrysler Motor.

The spider in the center of the web is undoubtedly the German Nazi Bund, which holds meetings at Max Stephens' Deutsches Restaurant. The Hour has learned that the National Workers' League, the Industrial Workers' League, Christocrats, Legion of the Blue Cross, and at least one leading official of Homer Martin's defunct A. F. of L. union in the Packard Motor plant are either directly or indirectly connected with the Nazi Bund. We have already noted the Bund connection of Parker Sage of the National Workers' League (The Hour, June 30 and July 30). Another fascist, Julia K. Hammond, attends Sage's League and speaks at Nazi Bund meetings. Literature written by her is distributed by Bund members. She is also the person who claims to be organizing the Christocrats (with a Coughlin program), and who was the applicant for a public school for a meeting of the American Party during the last election campaign, listing Elizabeth Dilling of the "Red-Network" as one of the speakers. Mrs. Dilling came back from Germany on the Bremen's last voyage to America.

Another woman providing the link between the Nazis and Detroit's native fascists is Blanche Winters, leader of the Legion of the Blue Cross and the Young Americans, who is also prominent in the affairs of the American Party. Recently the Winters woman was quoted as saying, "To hell with democracy."



